

Floods & Flash Floods

Facts

- ✈ It takes only 6 inches of fast flowing water to sweep you off your feet. Two feet of water will carry away most automobiles. Nearly half of all flash flood fatalities are auto related. Never try to walk, swim, or drive through flood waters.
- ✈ Warm season flash floods are the result of intense rainfalls over a short period of time due to slow moving thunderstorms.

What You Can Do

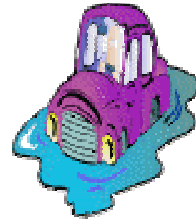
- ✈ Get out of areas subject to flooding; including dips, low spots, canyons, and washes.
- ✈ Avoid already flooded and high velocity areas.
- ✈ Do not camp or park your vehicle along streams and washes, particularly during threatening conditions.
- ✈ Never drive through flooded roadways. If your vehicle stalls, leave it immediately and seek higher ground.

Flash Flood or Flood Watch: Flash flooding or flooding is possible within the designated area ~ be alert.

Flash Flood or Flood Warning: Flash flooding or flooding has been reported or is imminent ~ take necessary precautions at once.

Urban and Small Stream Advisory: Flooding of small streams, streets, and low-lying areas, such as railroad underpasses and urban storm drains, is occurring.

Flash Flood or Flood Statement: Follow-up information regarding a flash flood or flood event.



Flash Flooding: Occurs within 6 hours of the rain event.

Flooding: a longer term event that may last a week or more.

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